

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 24, 2016

Conference Room, Gambling Control Board

Department of Public Safety

45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

**Starting Time 9:00 AM**

Commission Members Present: Barbara Dresser, Chair, Gary Reed, Dirk Duncan and William McFarland

Staff Members Present: Ron Guay, AAG, Mark Randlett, AAG, Henry Jennings, Carol Gauthier, Jaime Wood, Zachary Matzkin and Miles Greenleaf.

**1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** Barbara Dresser, Chair.

**2. Adjudicatory Hearing on the Consolidated Cobalt Cases**

**RE: Randy Bickmore et al.** The Commission will continue its hearing to decide whether Randy Bickmore, Winston Drew Campbell, Steven Vafiades and Patricia Switzer violated CMR 01-026, Chapter 11 as a result of elevated levels of cobalt being found in the blood samples taken from horses following races in March, April and May of 2015 at Scarborough Downs.

A transcript of the hearing is available at the Maine State Harness Racing Commission office.

Commissioner Dresser stated that they would take a break from the cobalt case to do a motion for a continuance of Ms. Switzer's case. AAG, Guay stated that he received an email for a motion to continue the case 2015 MSHRC 034 regarding Ms. Switzer. That motion is opposed by the state. Mr. Jennings stated that AAG, Guay was correct. AAG, Guay asked Ms. Switzer why she could not attend. Ms. Switzer stated that she could not get the time off from work and that she did not know that she had a hearing on February 25, 2016. AAG, Guay stated that since she had not received notice he would grant a continuance.

**3. Other Business**

None

**4. Schedule of Future Meetings**

February 25 and March 23, 2016

**5. Adjourn**

5:08 p.m.